City of Lafayette Staff Report

For:	Lafayette City Council
By:	Jennifer Russell, Parks, Trails & Recreation Director
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Subject:	Rejecting all bids for the Lafayette Community Park Children's Play Area Project #012-917100

Introduction

As project manager for the Lafayette Community Park Children's Play Area Project, the Parks, Trails & Recreation Director, with concurrence from the City Attorney and City Manager, has decided to reject all bids that were submitted at the February 18, 2009 bid opening.
This is primarily due to the high number of bids (12 out of 15) that did not adhere to requirements of the Standard Specification and Special Provisions indicating there was a general misunderstanding regarding the specification requirements.

Discussion

Project Special Provisions require utilization of a Certified Play Equipment Installer (SP-16). Seven of the bids did not include a certified equipment installer.

In addition, the majority of bidders appear to have substituted a product without conforming to specification requirements for approval of the product (Standard Specifications Section 2-11). Nine of the bids listed a rubberized surface installer that may or may not be an "equal" provider.

After looking carefully at all the bids, we believe that re-advertising the project, and drawing extra attention to the specification requirements, would produce more accurate bids and provide the City with a fair number of bids offering competitive prices.

Recommendation

Reject all bids that were submitted at the February 18, 2009 bid opening for the Lafayette Community Park Children's Play Area Project and direct staff to re-advertise the project.